(c) the extent to which it would help forewarn the people of coastal areas of Orissa and other States about the impending natural calamities especially floods, cyclones, Tsunami, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ISRO, along with Ministry of Home Affairs, has established a Disaster Management Support (DMS) System, which provides space technology and aerial survey based information, virtual private network for connectivity and services for management of natural disasters to the concerned nodal Ministries in the Central and State Governments.

(c) In combination with complementary observation systems and analysis of the different data in an integrated manner, it would help to forewarn the people of coastal areas of Orissa and other States about the impending natural calamities especially floods, cyclones and draughts. For Tsunami warning system, a separate project is being implemented by DST.

Unspent amount under MPLADS

†1150. SHRI JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount remaining unspent so far out of the amount provided to ex-MPs under the MPLADS in the State of Bihar from year 1994 to year 2005;

(b) whether the said unspent amount has been clubbed in the amount allotted to sitting MPs or the amount is still lying with Nodal Agencies/ Central Government;

(c) if not, the reasons for not clubbing the same; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation releases funds under MPLAD Scheme. The District Authorities of the State Governments/UTs implement the works based on the recommendations of the Hon'ble MPs. Therefore, requisite information has been called from the Government of Bihar, which is awaited.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.